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FOXHOUND A
DOLINSK/SOKOL AIRFIELD, USSR

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FOUR MIG-31 FOXHOUND A HIGH SPEED, HIGH OR LOW ALTITUDE ALL-WEATHER INTERCEPTORS ARE IN FRONT OF AIRCRAFT BUNKERS IN THE DISPERSAL AREA AT DOLINSK/SOKOL AIRFIELD. THE FOXHOUND A IS THE MOST ADVANCED INTERCEPTOR IN THE OPERATIONAL INVENTORY INCORPORATING A LOOK DOWN/SHOOT CAPABILITY WITH A TRACK-WHILE-SCAN AND MULTIPLE TARGET ENGAGEMENT CAPABILITY. THESE NEW CAPABILITIES MAKE THE FOXHOUND A SPECIAL THREAT TO HIGH SPEED, LOW ALTITUDE CRUISE MISSILES AND AIRCRAFT ATTEMPTING PENETRATION OF SOVIET AIRSPACE. (SWN)

DOLINSK/SOKOL AIRFIELD NORMALLY SUPPORTS A FLAGON AIR DEFENSE REGIMENT SUBORDINATE TO THE FAR EASTERN MILITARY DISTRICT; HOWEVER IT WAS UP GRADED WITH THESE FOUR FOXHOUND A BY

IT WAS A FLAGON FROM THE REGIMENT AT DOLINSK/SOKOL THAT SHOT DOWN KOREAN AIRLINES FLIGHT 007 IN SEPTEMBER. WHETHER THE DEPLOYMENT OF FOXHOUND A TO THIS AIRFIELD WAS IN REACTION TO INCREASED UNITED STATES AIR AND SEA PRESENCE IN THE SEA OF JAPAN, OR A PERMANENT UPGRADE IS UNCERTAIN. NOW THAT THE SEARCH EFFORTS FOR THE DOWNED AIRLINER HAVE BEEN TERMINATED, THE FOXHOUND A MAY DEPART. (SWN)

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